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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Georgianna, via Boston.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Massasoit, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Hockomock, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddock-
ing.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, Boston.
Sch. Georgianna, haddocking.
Sch. Marsala, Georges.

Vessels Sailed Saturday.

Sch. Niagara, halibuting.
Sch. Arkona, salt banking.
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.
Sch. Smuggler, salt banking.
Sch. John Hays Hammond, haddock-
ing.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$2.50; medi-
ums, \$2.00.

Bank halibut, 11c per lb for white
and 9c for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock,
\$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, West-
ern cod, large \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40;
Eastern cod, large \$1.55; medium, \$1.30;
cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.00 for medium
and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c;
hake, 60c; pollock, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium,
\$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums,
\$2.00; snappers, \$1.00.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00
to \$2.50 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for
bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Rena A. Perry, 6000 haddock,
2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 4500 haddock,
1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Little Fannie, 2000 haddock, 2300
cod, 900 pollock.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 1000 had-
dock, 300 cod.
Sch. Victor and Ethan.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 11,000 had-
dock, 400 cod.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 9000 had-
dock, 500 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Juniata, 11,000 haddock, 1000
cod.
Sch. Valentinna, 7000 haddock, 2000
cod.
Sch. Florida, 6500 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Athena, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Flaviola, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod,
1000 pollock.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 11,000 haddock,
3000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Matiana, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 2000 had-
dock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney.
Sch. Hortense, 6000 haddock, 1000
cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 3000 haddock,
1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 8000 haddock,
1000 cod.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 7000 cod.
Sch. Edith Silveira, 4000 haddock,
1500 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Washakie, 8000 haddock, 2000
cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, 4500 had-
dock, 1500 cod, 1200 hake.
Sch. Rose Standish, 8000 haddock,
2000 cod.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 4000 had-
dock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 15,000 had-
dock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mabelle Leavitt, 2000 cod.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 10,000
haddock, 1800 cod, 600 hake, 1500 pol-
lock.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 2000 haddock, 500
cod.
Sch. Seaconnet, 5000 haddock, 500
cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Motor, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Mattakesett, 10,000 haddock,
2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 5000 haddock,
6500 cod.
Sch. Hobo, 6000 cod.
Sch. Eva Avina, 1800 cod.
Sch. Sylvester, 4000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 2000 haddock, 500
cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Julietta, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Viking.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 5000 haddock,
3000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock,
1000 cod.
Sch. Manomet, 8000 haddock, 2000
cod.
Sch. Clara G. Silva.
Sch. Sarah, 2000 cod.
Sch. Little Belt, 500 haddock, 2000
cod.
Sch. Rebecca, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod,
1000 pollock.
Sch. Nokomis, 5000 cod.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 6000 cod.
Sch. Liberty, 1200 cod.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 7000 cod.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 7000 haddock,
2000 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Dorothy.

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Haddock, \$3.00 to \$3.40 per cwt.;
large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.00; market cod,
\$3.00 to \$3.25; hake, \$4.00 to \$6.50; pol-
lock, \$3.00.

Good Stock.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunsy,
stocked \$1509 on her recent halibut
trip, the crew sharing \$36.60.

Sch. Paragon, Capt. William Hermon,
stocked \$2190 as the result of her re-
cent halibut trip, the crew sharing
\$54.15.

To Engage in Salt Fishing.

Quite a number of Provincial fish-
ermen arrived here yesterday to engage
in salt fishing, coming to Boston on the
Yarmouth, N. S., steamer and arriv-
ing here on the evening train.

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NEW USE FOR SEAWEED.

Process Which Fits For Use in the
Making of Mattresses.

Two representatives of an American
mattress manufacturing company spent
a portion of the past summer on the
south shore of Northumberland Strait,
in the vicinity of Malagash and north
shore Wallace, Nova Scotia, investi-
gating the quality and quantity of sea-
weed, of which, during certain storms,
large quantities are driven ashore at
different points. As a result 130 tons
of seaweed, said to be of excellent
quality for mattress making, was
gathered, pressed and shipped to the
United States from north shore Wal-
lace. Hitherto only small quantities of
this material have been gathered for
fertilizing purposes, the rest going to
waste. This company purposes re-
suming operations on a much larger
scale early in the spring of the year.

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Caught Golden Haddock.

Sch. Little Fanny, Capt. Charles
Nelson, which was reported at T wharf,
Boston, yesterday, brought in a golden
haddock caught on Middle bank. The
fish was a regular haddock in all re-
spects save color, which was a hand-
some golden shade. Capt. Nelson has
been fishing from here 20 years and
this is only the second one of the kind
he has ever seen.

A Veteran Salt Banker.

Capt. William Clark, who will
command sch. Harry A. Nickerson
of this port, in the salt bank dory
handline codfishery this season, is a
veteran at the business, as he has
been going to the banks since 1867,
and for the past 26 years has sailed
as master out of Lockport, N. S.,
for the last 14 years going in vessels
for the firm of William McMillan.

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Norway Codfisheries.

The codfishing in Norway has
started in the Lofoten district and has
yielded so far about 2,000,000 cod which
is about the same quantity fished last
season at the same period. The exact
quantity caught amounts to 2,200,000
codfish, 1,200,000 fish against a catch
of 2,000,000, of which were prepared
into stockfish 900,000 at the same
period last season. The stocks of
the round stockfish in Norway are
practically cleared. Stocks on hand
are very unimportant, and a fair de-
mand would be likely to exhaust the
supply. None of the codfish caught
at this season of the year is made into
split fish.

Had 5000 Large Flounders.

Sch. Yankee, which had 5000 large
flounders on her last trip, brought in
1500 yesterday morning. Capt.
John T. Dench had left T wharf with
the Yankee last Saturday and fished
Sunday. Like the others, his trip
was small, only 12,000 pounds of had-
dock and cod, but the large catch of
flounders brought the receipts for his
trip up to that of any of the vessels
at the wharf.

Sale of Vessel Property.

Sch. Estelle S. Numan of Rockport,
34.86 tons gross, 33.15 tons net, built
at Boothbay, Me., in 1882, has been
sold to Mr. Rio, of the Massachusetts
Fish and Lobster Co. of Boston, and
will be used in freighting gasoline, etc.,
between that port and Provincetown.

Cured Fish Cargoes.

Sch. Lillian from Southwest Har-
bor, Me., and Rushlight from Beals,
Me., are at this port with cargoes of
cured fish, the former with hake and
pollock, and the latter with codfish.
These are the first cured fish cargoes
here for quite a while.

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Halibut War on the Pa-
cific.

Canada May Enforce

Claim on Hecate Straits
and Dixon Entrance.Result Would be Disas-
trous to American Fish-
ery Interests.

The great halibut war on the Pa-
cific coast is now being waged with
increased vigor, and added interest is
given to the case in point by the fact
that the Canadian Minister of Marine
and Fisheries is quoted as saying
that it is conceded that Hecate
straits and Dixon entrance as well
belong to Canada.

Vancouver, B. C., fishing inter-
ests were surprised to learn that its
own Dominion government has de-
cided under the treaty of London
when the Alaska boundary dispute
was settled, to lay claim to the wa-
ters of Hecate straits and Dixon en-
trance. Heretofore these waters,
which lie between Queen Charlotte
islands and the mainland of British
Columbia, have been regarded as an
open sea.

American halibut fishing steamers,
by the score, frequent these straits,
which are 50 to 70 miles wide, and in
which are the best halibut grounds
on the coast. American vessels
were not molested so long as they
kept outside the three-mile limit.

The following telegram has been
received by the Vancouver Board of
Trade from C. M. Hays, president
of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway,
whose western terminus is Prince
Rupert:

"The Dominion government is now
building a vessel and proposes to
rent another, providing the protec-
tion called for. The minister of fish-
eries also states that it is now con-
ceded that Hecate straits as well as
Dixon entrance belong to Canada."

Mr. Hays' statement is regarded as
official. If Canada enforces this rul-
ing, scores of vessels from Seattle
and Tacoma will be excluded from
the best fishing grounds in the north.

One of the New York fishing ga-
zettes correspondents, familiar with
the coast fishing conditions, writes
as follows on the matter:

"There has been a tremendous
amount of agitation in the last few
months in relation to the closing of
Hecate straits. The people of Can-
ada seem to take it for granted that
Hecate straits are closed waters, and
that the fishing that the American
halibut steamers are doing, and have

been doing for the past 15 years, is
illegal. We are continually spoken
of by the Canadians interested in the
fishing business and by the parties
in power as "poachers."

"For your information, will say
that

Ninety Per Cent. of All the Halibut
Caught on this Coast

by the fleet of steamers engaged in
the catching of halibut, is caught in
the waters known as Hecate straits.
It would, therefore, work to the tre-
mendous disadvantage, besides a
probable heavy momentary loss, of all
American owners of halibut steamers,
provided the straits are ordered
closed.

The Vancouver Board of Trade
members of Parliament from that
province, as well as the powers that
be at Ottawa, are alive to the advan-
tages which the Canadians would
have in case the waters above men-
tioned are closed, and there is a pos-
sibility that

Snap Judgment Will Be Taken in the
Case,

unless the American publications in-
terested in furthering the interests of
American fishermen get busy and de-
fend our rights.

"While it is perhaps true that there
are a number of halibut banks which
have not been prospected outside of
those in Hecate straits, and which
banks would undoubtedly be sought
after and fished if occasion demand-
ed, it would, after all was said and
done, undoubtedly make halibut fish-
ing by steamers for the American
concerns unprofitable. Hecate
straits seems to be so situated, geo-

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graphically that the men in the dories can lay out their gear and can fish many months of the year, when they could not, if obliged to fish on the unprotected, open seas; again Hecate straits seems to be a place where vast shoals of herring run, and as they are the natural food of the halibut, the halibut naturally follow them into the straits.

"This, in brief, will tell you what an important thing it is for the American fishing industry of this coast to fight the question of closing Hecate straits to the very last resort."

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WILL SAIL TOMORROW.

Sch. Monarch First of Seining Fleet to Get Away.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, is now fully fitted for her southern mackerel seining trip and will sail tomorrow, being the first of the fleet to get away. Seines, stores, ice, etc., are all on board and the machinists are at work putting in an exhaust for the gasoline engine. If this work is completed today the vessel will sail, but the chances are she will get away tomorrow.

Pacific Fishing Notes.

At San Francisco clear weather is ruling again and fishermen are enabled to get to the grounds that have been inaccessible since the commencement of the year. The result is that fish is more plentiful than for the past eight weeks and prices have dropped a shade, but there is absolutely no surplus and deep sea fish are still scarce. Herring appear to be in heavier supply than other varieties.

Another raise of one-quarter of a cent has been made in the price of Pacific codfish, but it is not anticipated that there will be any further advances. Sch. J. D. Spreckles arrived at San Francisco last week with 44,000 codfish for the Alaska Codfish Company. She was fourteen days in making the trip from Unga Island, and on February 14 spoke the sch. Czarina, bound for San Francisco, from Pirate Cove, with a cargo of fish. Extremely cold weather is reported in the north, and on one occasion the vessel was so covered with ice that it took several days to get the rigging cleared.

Several members of the crew of the wrecked schooner Lettie were brought home by the Spreckles.

The Pacific coast steamship company is planning to erect a cold storage plant at Juneau for salmon and halibut.

The Queen City Fish Company has purchased from the Seattle-Alaska Fish Company the sch. Carrier Dove, formerly of this port, and will send her out for halibut.

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BEAT OUT THE KNOCKABOUTS

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita Passed Two Other Boston Haddockers.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph Mesquita of this port, had a brush with three of the crack knockabouts on the way to Boston Sunday evening. The knockabouts were sch. Victor and Ethan, sch. Ethel Penny and sch. Warren M. Goodspeed. The three had turned the point at Highland light some miles ahead of Capt. Mesquita. According to Capt. Nickerson of sch. Victor and Ethan, he and the others were seven miles ahead of the Mesquita.

It was toward 5 o'clock then, and the Mesquita began overhauling the knockabouts immediately. Two of them had lower sails set like herself, but the other had a reefed mainsail, which was shaken out as soon as the Mesquita came up to her. Capt. Mesquita's schooner continued to run ahead, and when it was growing too dark to see much, Capt. Nickerson says he could still distinguish the Mesquita now five miles ahead. Capt. Mesquita bore his honors quietly yesterday morning, and let his adversaries tell of the race and how badly they were beaten.

MACKEREL LANDED IN FLORIDA

First Reports of Fish Along the Southern Coast.

A letter from Russell Tarr of this city, now located at Carrabelle, Florida, states that some mackerel were landed there recently.

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Not Enough for Tuesday's Trade.

Fish in Demand To-day

by T Wharf Dealers.

Seven Market vessels and one off-shore vessel were

the only arrivals. The total catch of the

seven market boats was

69,000 pounds of fish.

The off-shore vessel,

the Terra Nova, Capt.

John Hickey, has 70,000

pounds.

In her fare the Terra

Nova has 25,000 pounds

of cod fish, which in-

dicates that the codfish

school looked for on

George's between March

5 and 10 has begun to

show.

Sch. Selma, Capt. C.

Colson, arrived this

morning from Quero bank

with 23,000 pounds of

halibut and a few salt

fish.

Good prices prevail, new

off shore haddock bring-

ing \$2.75 and shore had-

dock \$3.75, while old

off shores are set at

\$1.75. Cod are from

\$3.50 to \$5, and hake

from \$4 to \$7 with

cusk at \$3.40, and pol-

lock \$3.25.

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Gloucester Should be Heard.

Hearing on Friday on Anti-Torching Bill for Salem and Beverly.

Passage of Act Will be Serious Blow to Herring Fishery.

The hearing on the bill accompanying the petition of Charles H. Trout, Mayor John F. Hurley of Salem, and others for legislation to prohibit or regulate the taking of herring and other fish by means of artificial light in the waters of Salem bay and vicinity, will be given before the committee on fisheries and game at room 505, State House, Boston, at 10.30 o'clock Friday forenoon.

This is the bill to prohibit herring torching in Nahant bay, Beverly harbor and Salem bay and vicinity, and which should meet with a vigorous protest from the vessel owners of this city and Boston.

The Times from the inception of the "Lynn bill," so-called, has called attention to this attempt to prohibit herring torching on the North Shore and what the passage of bills of this nature would mean to the big fishing fleets of Gloucester and Boston.

Gloucester should be represented at this hearing, and the strong arguments which the vessel owner could present should be put forth against the proposed bill which reads as follows:

Section 1.—It shall be unlawful for any person to display torches or other light, designed or used for the purpose of taking herring or other fish, in Nahant bay, Beverly harbor, Salem bay and vicinity and any inlets therein, or in any waters westerly and northwesterly of a line drawn from East Point, Nahant, to Egg Rock, to Ram island, to Tinker's island, to Lowell island, to Baker's island, to the eastern end of Great Misery island, then to the southern point of Gale's Head, Manchester, including Manchester harbor and Bass river, Beverly, and its tributaries: provided, however, that any of the boards of health of the cities of Beverly and Salem and of the towns of Manchester and Marblehead may, within the months of October to April, inclusive, of any year, grant such permits for such taking, with such restrictions, as in the judgment of said board or boards shall not constitute a nuisance, and may at any time revoke any and all such permits in their discretion.

Section 2.—Whoever violates the provisions of this act shall, for a first offence, be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than twelve months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and for a second offence, by both such fine and imprisonment.

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Lobster Supply Plentiful.

The Kennebec Journal reports the supply of lobsters unusually large for this time of year and prices not exorbitant. On one day in Portland there were 75,000 of the much-desired crustaceans ready for shipment. "The continued warm weather this fall," says the Journal, "has given the fishermen plenty of opportunity to catch the fish, as they have not been forced to remain ashore by heavy seas or high winds. It has also been a very profitable year for the lobster fishermen, as they have lost little gear and their boats have not been damaged by severe weather, an expense which is always heavy during the fall gales. There is hardly a day now but that 15,000 or 16,000 lobsters arrive in Portland."

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Sch. Mary F. Curtis, LeHave Bank, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Selma, Quero Bank, 23,000 lbs. halibut, 1000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Rushlight, Beals, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.
 Sch. Lillian, Southwest Harbor, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.
 Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.
 Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, via Boston.
 Sch. Catherine D. Enos, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Rob Roy, haddocking.
 Sch. Georgie Campbell, salt banking.
 Sch. John R. Bradley, salt banking.
 Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
 Sch. Stranger, haddocking.
 Sch. Leo, haddocking.
 Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.
 Sch. Tecumseh, haddocking.
 Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.
 Sch. Maud F. Sears, haddocking.
 Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
 Sch. Paragon, halibuting.
 Sch. Hockomock, haddocking.
 Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, haddocking.
 Sch. Teazer, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
 Bank halibut, 11c per lb for white and 9c for gray.
 Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock, \$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.
 Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40; Eastern cod, large \$1.55; medium, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.00 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c; pollock, 60c.
 Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
 Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00; snappers, \$1.00.
 Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.
 Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. William Keene, from Red Beach, for Boston or this port, was at Portland on Sunday.
 Sch. Annie F. Kimball was at Portland on Saturday.
 Sloop Magnolia of Provincetown is having a new rudder post put in on the Rocky Neck railways.
 Sch. Frances P. Mesquita will now shift over from shore trawling and fit for double dory fishing on Georges.
 Capt. Charles Carlson of sch. Selma reports speaking sch. Preceptor on the southeast part of Quero bank last Tuesday and on Wednesday sighted the salt banker Arethusia on The Peak, she being the only vessel there.
 Schs. Corona and Tattler are on the Rocky Neck railways.
 Sch. Mildred Robinson is having one of her pumps repaired.
 Sch. Elmer E. Gray is at this port from Boston for a new jumbo and foresail.
 Sch. Fannie E. Prescott is bending a new foresail and mainsail to replace those damaged in the recent bad weather.
 Capt. Ormsby Seeley is here to fit sch. Bohemia for salt banking.
 Capt. Clifford Vanamberg is fitting sch. Blanche for salt banking.
 Sch. Dauntless, Capt. John Matheson, will fit for south seining this week, and be one of the early birds of the fleet to get away.
 Schs. Avalon and Dauntless are on Parkhurst's railways.
 Sch. Patrician is on Burnham's railways.
 Sch. Veda M. McKown is bound home from New York, having had a quick discharge of her cargo of frozen herring, getting the fare out in five days.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 9000 haddock, 1500 cod.
 Sch. Mabel Bryson, 6000 cod.
 Sch. Aspinet, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Margaret Dillon, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 500 hake.
 Sch. George H. Lube, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.
 Sch. Lillian, 8500 cod.
 Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Washakie, 6500 haddock, 2000 cod.
 Sch. Terra Nova, 45,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
 Haddock, \$1.75 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hake, \$4 to \$7; cusk, \$3.40; pollock, \$3.25.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Sch. Red Jacket, Boston for Rockland.

More Salt Bankers Sail.

Schs. Georgie Campbell and John R. Bradley of the salt bank trawling fleet will sail today, making seven, or over half of the whole fleet, to get away already.

The others to go are schs. Mabel D. Hines, Ella M. Goodwin, Senator Gardner, Orinoco, Blanche and Bohemia.

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Portland Arrivals.

Schs. Fanny Reed, Bernie and Bessie and Etta B. with only a few fish, were at Portland Saturday.

There on Sunday for the Monday market were the following:

Sch. Rose.
 Sch. Mary E. Sennett, 4000 pounds fresh fish.
 Sch. Minerva, 3000 pounds fresh fish.
 Steamer Elthier, 4000 pounds fresh fish.
 Sloop Hobson, 3000 pounds fresh fish.
 Sloop Pantooset, 2500 pounds fresh fish.

With the calm and pleasant weather of Sunday the Portland fishing fleet took advantage of the conditions outside and set their trawls with good results. The bad weather for the past week had kept the fishermen from going outside until Saturday when every vessel started out. As a result the various dealers' supplies were getting quite low, but Monday morning with the arrival of eight schooners, two sloops and a number of Hampton boats, over 50,000 lbs. of fish were landed at Commercial and Central wharves. After landing their fares the fishermen went to work immediately baiting up their trawls and taking supplies on board preparatory to returning to the fishing grounds late yesterday afternoon.

The following is the list of vessels and their respective fares:

Sch. Wesley W. Sinnet, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Albert W. Black, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Albert D. Willard, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Fanny Hayden, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Robert and Carr, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Maud S., 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Margie Turner, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sloop Defender, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sloop Minerva, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Also several Hampton boats with an aggregate of 5000 pounds.

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JAPANESE FISHERIES.

Some idea of the extent of the fishing industry as carried on by the Japanese will be gathered from the fact that in 1906 about 10 per cent. of the entire population, or 5,000,000 Japanese, were gaining a livelihood from this source. Engaged in the industry in that year were 74 steamers, 559 foreign-style sailing vessels, and nearly half a million boats up to 30 feet in length and over. The total value of the catch including all products of the sea was \$56,382,128. Due to the frail nature of many of the fishing boats used, casualties are frequent and the loss of life large. In the year mentioned 949 crafts were lost and 1230 lives. The fishing gear used is largely of the latest American models, and some of the kinds of fish caught are cod, suke-to, shark, tai, kurodai, hiramé, karei, king fish, horse mackerel, kumasa, dolphin, flying fish, samma, gray mullet, ayu, carp, eels, etc.

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Marked Haddock.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, the original knockabout, brought in a strangely marked haddock in her trip of fish at T wharf yesterday. The haddock weighs about seven pounds, and just back of the nose on its head was a large bunch about two inches high and three inches in diameter. The protuberance was a dull pink in color, and looked as if the fish had received a blow on that spot. It was taken from among the other fish and laid aside for show purposes.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Selma sold to the New England Fish Co. at 11 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

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Fitting out the Grampus.

Work on Her for Mackerel Trip Will Commence Next Week.

Will Collect Cod Eggs Now for the Ten-Pound Hatchery.

The work of fitting out the United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus for her mackerel research cruise will begin as soon after March 15 as possible. It was at first thought that the craft would get away in advance of the southern seining fleet, but obstacles have intervened, and it now looks as though she would go south just ahead of the bulk of the fleet.

Even at that it is thought that she will be out on the southern grounds in time to be of much service to the seiners and netters and to gather much material of value concerning the movements of the mackerel schools from the northern waters northward.

The Ten Pound Mackerel Hatchery is in great need of all the cod eggs it can get to keep along its valuable work of fish propagation and for this reason Capt. Hanson and the crew of the Grampus will be kept at the work of cod egg collecting, with the shore fleet off Plymouth, in the steamer Seven Brothers, until about March 15.

The Cod Season Opened Poorly Over There This Year

and for that reason not as many eggs as usual were taken at the start. The season now over there has not been what was hoped for, and consequently the supply of cod eggs for the hatchery is behind last year, and short of what is needed. Therefore it was deemed wise and necessary to continue this work until the date above stated.

The Grampus is still in her winter quarters at East Gloucester, but as soon as Capt. Hanson and his crew are relieved from their cod egg collecting work, they will come here and immediately begin the work of fitting her out for the mackerel hunting cruise. Considerable of the gear, etc., judged necessary for use on the trip, has already been arranged for, so that it is thought that the craft will not be many days in getting ready. The delay has been unavoidable, but the Grampus has a long season ahead of her, and will be out south in time to do good work.

March 10.

FACING PECULIAR CONDITIONS.

Prohibition of Wines May Cause Duty of British Fish.

According to advices, the merchants of Spain and Portugal who trade with Newfoundland will ask that a duty be placed on all fish imported from the British colony, if the latter passes a prohibition measure shutting out the importation of wines. Public meetings have been held at Oporto and Cadiz by wine growers and strong resolutions passed urging the governments to pass a retaliatory measure. One-third of the total catch of Newfoundland fish is shipped to these countries, and is valued at a million and a half dollars annually.

Regarding this peculiar state of affairs the New York Fishing Gazette says editorially:

"The ancient colony of Newfoundland which is so often in a predicament, scents a new and grievous complication. It appears that a temperance wave is sweeping the island; and the people of Spain and Portugal, who are such liberal buyers of codfish, have caused it to be known that unless the Newfoundlanders show a greater tolerance of the festive Gambrinus, the boycott will be availed of. As the Trade Review says: If Spain and Portugal had no back doors and had to take our codfish willy-nilly, we might afford to smile at their threats; but, unfortunately for us, we have two powerful rivals in the field, viz., France and Norway, on whom we may count to be on the alert to fan the flame of resentment into a blaze fierce enough to drive us out of these markets."